

Votes and Proceedings – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Tuesday, 6 February 2024

Meeting time: 13.30

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Statement by the Llywydd

At 13.30, the Presiding Officer announced, in accordance with Standing Order 26.75, that the Health Service Procurement (Wales) Bill was given Royal Assent on 5 February 2024. The Llywydd also made a statement on the recent passing of the Wales and British Lions rugby player Barry John and the health announcement from His Majesty.

1 Questions to the First Minister

The item started at 13.31

The first 8 questions were asked. The Presiding Officer invited party leaders to ask questions to the First Minister after question 2.

2 Business Statement and Announcement

The item started at 14.35

3 Statement by the Deputy Minister for Social Partnership: South Wales Fire and Rescue Service review of culture and values – next steps

The item started at 14.51



4 Statement by the Minister for Education and Welsh Language: Vocational qualifications

The item started at 15.26

5 The Special School Residential Services (Service Providers and Responsible Individuals) (Wales) Regulations 2024 – Postponed

The item was postponed.

6 Debate: The Draft Budget 2024–25

The item started at 15.52

Voting on the motion and amendments under this item was deferred until Voting Time.

NDM8473 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 20.12:

Notes the Draft Budget for the financial year 2024–25 [laid](#) in the Table Office by the Minister for Finance and Local Government on 19 December 2023.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Believes that the Welsh Government’s Draft Budget 2024–25 fails to deliver on the priorities of the people of Wales.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
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14	12	28	54
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Amendment 1 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion:

NDM8473 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Order 20.12:

Notes the Draft Budget for the financial year 2024–25 [laid](#) in the Table Office by the Minister for Finance and Local Government on 19 December 2023.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
30	12	12	54

The motion was agreed.

Motion to suspend Standing Orders

The item started at 18.23

NNDM8481 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd, in accordance with Standing Orders 33.6 and 33.8:

Suspends Standing Order 12.20(i), 12.22(i) and that part of Standing Order 11.16 that requires the weekly announcement under Standing Order 11.11 to constitute the timetable for business in Plenary for the following week, to allow NNDM8480 to be considered in Plenary on Tuesday, 6 February 2024.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

7 Debate: The Steel Industry in Wales

The item started at 18.23

Voting on the motion and amendments under this item was deferred until Voting Time.

NNDM8480 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Believes there is a viable future for blast furnace steelmaking in Wales as part of a just transition that supports a stronger Welsh economy while protecting a UK sovereign asset.

2. Supports the case for further talks that allow for a longer transition that protects jobs for an ambitious, greener future across Tata facilities in Wales.

The following amendments were tabled:

Amendment 1 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Welcomes the £500 million from the UK Government to ensure the future of steel making at Port Talbot.

A vote was taken on amendment 1:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	0	40	54

Amendment 1 was not agreed.

Amendment 2 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Notes the £100 million transition fund with £80 million from the UK Government and £20 million from Tata Steel Ltd.

A vote was taken on amendment 2:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	0	40	54

Amendment 2 was not agreed.

Amendment 3 [Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

Add as new point at end of motion:

Calls on the Welsh Government to immediately reprioritise funding to support steel workers.

A vote was taken on amendment 3:

For	Abstain	Against	Total
14	0	40	54

Amendment 3 was not agreed.

A vote was taken on the motion:

NNDM8480 [Lesley Griffiths \(Wrexham\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Believes there is a viable future for blast furnace steelmaking in Wales as part of a just transition that supports a stronger Welsh economy while protecting a UK sovereign asset.

2. Supports the case for further talks that allow for a longer transition that protects jobs for an ambitious, greener future across Tata facilities in Wales.

For	Abstain	Against	Total
54	0	0	54

The motion was agreed.

Proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate the following items together but with separate votes

The proposal under Standing Order 12.24 to debate items 8 and 9 together but with separate votes was agreed.

8 The general principles of the Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Bill

The item started at 19.31

NDM8475 [Mick Antoniw \(Pontypridd\)](#)

To propose that Senedd Cymru in accordance with Standing Order 26.11:

Agrees to the general principles of the Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Bill

The [Elections and Elected Bodies \(Wales\) Bill](#) and [Explanatory Memorandum](#) were laid before the Senedd on 2 October 2023;

The report of the Local Government and Housing Committee on the Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Bill was [laid](#) before the Senedd on 26 January 2024.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

9 The financial resolution in respect of the Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Bill

The item started at 19.31

NDM8474 [Mick Antoniw \(Pontypridd\)](#)

To propose that Senedd Cymru, for the purposes of any provisions resulting from the [Elections and Elected Bodies \(Wales\) Bill](#), agrees to any increase in expenditure of a kind referred to in Standing Order 26.69, arising in consequence of the Bill.

The motion was agreed in accordance with Standing Order 12.36.

10 Voting Time

The item started at 20.26

Votes Summary

The meeting concluded at 20.31

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Wednesday, 7 February 2024